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After party paints the town saffron

Booster shot for Bommai

A look at reactions in the State BJP over party's stunning victory in 4 states

BJP supporters celebrate the party's performance in Uttar Pradesh and other state Assembly elections, in Bengaluru on Thursday

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The victory of the saffron party in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa has given a new energy to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in Karnataka. If BJP had failed to gain the majority in UP, then the pressure would have been felt on Basavaraj Bommai government where many of the MLAs are giving open statements on either joining government or fuelling debate on insiders versus outsiders.

A political analyst said, "Karnataka is likely to go to polls in 2023. Though BJP had got the maximum seats in the elections, it had fallen short of majority. Then, the anti-BJP forces had joined hands to form the government. In fact, when HD Kumaraswamy had taken oath at Vidhana Soudha, most of the anti-BJP leaders including Congress biggies had made it to Bengaluru to prove that an alternative to BJP was getting stronger. Since then, many of the MLAs from Congress and JD(S) resigned paving the way for the BS Yediyurappa government." The analyst said that the way BSY was shown the door and Bommai was brought in, there was a lot of resentment. "Many of the dissidents were waiting for the five-state polls and could have raised their voice if the party had fared poorly. If the Yogi government had failed to win mandate, then the call for the change of guard could have been raised in the State as well. At least for now (till Gujarat goes to polls later this year), the BJP leaders in the State may not take on the High Command which seems to be at a dominant position bolstered by the victory in UP and other States," he said.

For the Congress, Karnataka will once again be a key state.

With Karnataka likely to go to polls in 2023, the victory has come as a way to silence dissidents within the party in the state

The national party has been losing one state after another and Punjab's defeat will definitely jolt the morale. Among the southern States, Congress has high hopes in Karnataka. It may rally its leaders to take on the Government and harp on the anti-incumbency wave and highlight the failure of the government.

The resounding victory in Punjab may give more strength to the Aam Aadmi Party to expand its roots. The first step for AAP would be test waters in the upcoming Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) polls. This would also be a good experiment for AAP as its base is mostly in the urban areas and if it can manage to win a few seats in BBMP, then the party can be in a bigger position when the State goes to polls. Even the AAP bosses want to expand to different states and the AAP supporters in Karnataka will be looking forward for more support to register their presence among the voters.

BIG UPSETS, BIGGER WINS

Amarinder Singh, 79, was defeated by AAP candidate **Ajit Pal Singh Kohli** from Patiala (Urban) by a margin of 19,873 votes

Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, senior SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia and several Punjab Ministers also tasted defeat

Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi loses **Bhadaur** by 37,558 votes and **Chamkaur Sahib** by 7,942 votes

SAD patriarch and former CM Parkash Singh Badal (94), the oldest candidate in the fray, lost to AAP's **Gurmeet Singh Khudian** from his traditional Lambi seat in Muktsar district by a margin of 11,396 votes

AAP's chief ministerial face Bhagwant Mann won from Dhuri by a huge margin of 58,206 votes

Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami loses his seat by 6,951 votes

Late Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar's son Utpal Parrikar, who contested independently in the Goa Assembly elections, lost from the Panaji constituency by 716 votes

Veteran Congress leader Harish Rawat, who was also the chief ministerial face for the party in Uttarakhand, loses from Lalkuwa seat

Cops probing delayed Ejipura flyover work

The Koramangala police registered an FIR against the managing director of a contracting firm that was assigned to build the Ejipura flyover over a delay in the work. BBMP Executive Engineer of Projects department Geetha lodged a complaint against Rajiv Mundhra of Simplex Infrastructures Ltd that is based in West Bengal. Police registered an FIR and started an investigation.

The contract was awarded to Simplex Infrastructures Ltd on May 4, 2017, for building an elevated corridor from Ejipura to Kendriya Sadan in Koramangala. The amount of the tender is fixed at Rs 203.20 crore. The length of the elevated corridor is 2.5 km with 81 pillars. As per the tender rules, the work was to be completed in November 2019, but till now, only 42.30 per cent work has been completed. It is said that the money released to the project was diverted to other works by the company.

Tender cancelled

Due to a delay in the work, the Department of Urban Development had cancelled the tender awarded to Simplex Infrastructure Ltd on March 3 and ordered a re-tendering process as per the High Court order. Under Secretary in the Department of Urban Development NK Lakshmi Sagar said that only 42 per cent of the work is done so far. "The contractor has not installed a hydraulic rotary crane as prescribed in the contract and has also not submitted the blueprint of the work." BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said the FIR was filed as per the High Court order. "Now, we will cancel the contract and then will measure how much work has been done through joint inspection. We are obliged to pay them for the amount of work they have done. We will quantify how much of the work is remaining and call for tenders again. As of now, over half of the work is over -- foundations and casting work has been done," Gupta said. —Prakash VL

Patrolling to douse the fire

To stop the dumping of garbage and prevent miscreants from setting the garbage piles on fire, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has beefed up patrolling around apartment complexes located near Kudlu Dodda Kere Lake on Silver County Road in South Bengaluru.

"We have increased the patrolling frequency. While earlier there was only one marshal on duty in this ward, we have deployed two marshals now. We also have seized a vehicle that used to dump garbage on the vacant plots around the Dodda Kere lake. The owner of the lorry was slapped with a total fine of Rs 10,000. We have issued a warning to the vehicle owner. In case the lorry is caught dumping garbage again, we will seize it," said a BBMP official.

Although the Palike has tightened its knot around miscreants who have been setting the garbage on fire, residents say, the fire incidents continue. "While the frequency has gone down a bit, garbage continues to burn. Even after the marshals seized the vehicle, there have been two big fire incidents. While the escalation of the issue to higher authorities in BBMP continues, the fire incidents are going on as well. We have also witnessed a lot of pigs in the vacant sites," said Dheeraj Agarwal, a resident.

"The garbage piles were set on fire on Wednesday too. While BBMP marshals have slapped a hefty fine on the lorry owner, other small vehicles continue dumping waste. We are in touch with the officials," said Shankar KS, citizen representative from an apartment complex on Silver County Road. —BMB

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Among 16,398 covid-19 deaths reported in Bengaluru, 10,738 were male and 6,196 female; four deaths came under transgender category

GENDER BENDER

Quantum of exposure higher in males, say experts

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In the three waves of the pandemic, men outnumbered women in terms of covid-19 deaths.

In Bengaluru, over 65.48% of men succumbed to covid-19 in comparison to women — this could be due to high quantum of exposure in men along with biological factors, according to experts.

As of Thursday, amongst the 16,398 covid deaths reported in Bengaluru, 10,738 (65.48%) were male, while 6,196 (37.78%) were female. Four deaths came under the transgender category.

The number of deaths reported was higher amongst the elderly where the 70 plus age group recorded over 3,779 males succumbing to the virus. While in females, 2,002 persons above the age of 70 died due to covid-19. Under the 60-69 years category, 2,624 males passed away due to covid-19, while 1,679 females succumbed. In the 50-59 age group, 2,078 males and 1,367 females lost their lives to the coronavirus.

In the 40-49 age group, a considerable gap in numbers was observed, wherein 1,383 males and 707 females died due to covid-19.

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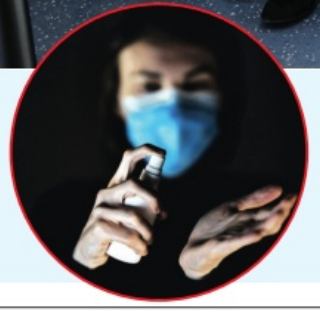

"It is likely that men are more exposed to external stimuli than women leading to higher spread of viral load..." — Dr Chinnadurai, Aster RV Hospital

Lose the thread, please

In past three months, 400 birds entangled in manja were rescued

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Of late, Bengaluru has been witnessing an increasing number of birds entangled in abandoned manja thread used in kite flying.

Even after a ban on manja, avians are often killed or have their wings clipped after coming into contact with the thread which is often invisible to the creatures while criss-crossing the urban scape.

Hence, the Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Centre's (ARRC) wildlife rescue service has now set up a hydraulic bucket to reach the 'often-unscalable/unreachable' heights in the canopy and rescue trapped/injured birds.

The addition of the truck helps in faster bird rescues while prioritising the safety of the birds and rescuers alike. The vehicle is equipped with a hydraulic machine with a

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Pun-in-cheek

The Indian Institute of Cartoonists is organising 'JUST LIKE THAT', an exhibition of cartoons by Dr Sudeendra Koushik. an innovator, engineer and a technologist. As a TEDx speaker, Koushik speaks globally on innovation and sees the funny side of things. With more than two dozen patents, he never misses a chance to bring a smile on people's faces, at least on some people.
Where: Indian Cartoon Gallery, Midford Garden
When: Till March 26, 10am – 6pm (except Sundays)

02 Circuits of expression

The Gallery @ Maya, a slow-living restaurant in Jayanagar, is showcasing an art show "The Circuits of Expressions" by artist Dibyendu Seal. In this collection, Dibyendu captures existence in the "hustle culture" with organic life-forms. Intricately crafting raw expressions, he uses animals as metaphors for human life and weaves a modern-day philosophy in every creation. The paintings have silent yearnings for something beyond the tangible world.
Where: Maya, Jayanagar, 5th Block
When: Till March 15, 12pm – 11pm
Contact: 7483871410

03 Artwork by Salman Khan

Sandeep & Gitanjali Maini Foundation and AGP World, in association with Being Human - The Salman Khan Foundation, Gallery G and Artiere Gallery, is hosting a solo show of artworks by artist and superstar Salman Khan. Titled 'Motherhood – An Artistic Ode to Mother Teresa', this is Salman's first-ever solo show in a commercial gallery. Three paintings, including two new large-size works created by the artist, will be on display at Bengaluru's Gallery G. Two of his paintings, titled 'Still in Hope of Compassion' and 'Begging for Peace' are also on display on the Google Arts & Culture (https://artsandculture.google.com) digital platform.
Where: Gallery G, Lavelle Road, www.galleryg.com
When: March 11 – March 20

In memory of an uprising

Tibetan Youth Congress (TYC) supporters with messages about Tibet during a protest to mark the 63rd Tibetan Uprising day, in Bengaluru on Thursday

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Going after plastic: Even balloons, earbuds on radar

All items using plastic elements less than 100 microns to be banned from July 1

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Balloon and candy sellers in the city

Your favourite ice candy will no longer come with its trademark plastic stick as the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on Wednesday has decided to crack down on plastic. Though the plastic ban has been in vogue in the state since 2016, the new rules are set to be enforced from July 1 this year. This will apply to plastic sticks for earbuds and balloons as well.

As per the latest notice by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, all the items which use plastic (less than 100 microns) like plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocol) for decoration, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners will be banned starting July 1. Carry bags with 120 microns in thickness will be banned from December 31 this year. The board has warned shopkeepers, retailers, e-commerce companies, shopping centres to do away with plastic failing which, they will be levied a fine of Rs 5,000 per tonne.

The Central Pollution Control Board had earlier issued a notice asking producers, shopkeepers, street vendors and general public to stop production, stocking, sale, and usage of identified single-use plastic items as per the specified deadline. CPCB said action would be taken against violators under the Environmental Protection Act.

CPCB has issued the notice to inform stakeholders concerned to stop production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified single-use plastic items as per the timeline specified in the notification. "Action under the Act, including seizure of goods, levying of environmental compensation, closure of operation of industries or commercial establishment shall be taken against violators," it said.

> **"Action under the Act, including seizure of goods, levying of environmental compensation, closure of operation etc shall be taken on violators** –CPCB

Sources said reuse of rigid plastic packaging material has been mandated in the guidelines to reduce the use of fresh plastic.

Sources said that the guidelines will give a boost for formalisation and further development of plastic waste management sector. In a significant first, the guidelines allow for sale and purchase of surplus extended producer responsibility certificates, thus setting up a market mechanism for plastic waste management. The guidelines also prescribe a framework for levying of environmental compensation based upon polluter.

The funds collected will be utilised for collection, recycling and end of life disposal of uncollected plastic waste in an environmentally sound manner. Under these producers, importers and brand owners, may operate schemes such as deposit refund system or buy back or any other model, in order to prevent mixing of plastic packaging waste with solid waste, added source.

Drunken brawl lands foreigner in jeopardy

Australian citizen assaulted, abused by group of five college students on Church St

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Five youths were arrested by the Cubbon Park police after they assaulted a foreign businessman on Church Street over an argument on Tuesday night. As the foreigner refused to file a complaint, the police took up a suo moto case and arrested the accused.

Police constable Prakash GV who was on duty near Church Street received information that there was a fight going on near Adigas Hotel. He rushed to the spot around 11:15 pm when he noticed that a foreigner was stopped by five men who were abusing him physically and verbally. Prakash immediately alerted the Hoysala who rushed to the spot and secured the accused.

Cops have filed a suo moto case and arrested the gang

According to the police, all of them were taken to the police station although the foreigner refused to file a complaint. He even refused to undergo a medical examination and did not want to get involved in the case. Prakash then filed a complaint on behalf of him against the five.

A senior officer said that the foreigner did not want his identity to be revealed. "The victim is from Australia and a businessman who had come to the city for work. He had stepped out for a drink on Tuesday and was drunk when the incident took place. The five were walking on the street and were all college students. The foreigner was talking about something which was misunderstood by the youths and they eventually got into a fight."

According to the cops, the case was a clear miscommunication between the two parties. "The group first assaulted the foreigner and then abused him while the foreigner was only trying to defend himself. We detained all of them and after probing, we took up a case against the accused and arrested them," he said.

Cubbon Park police have registered a case and have booked them under IPC Section 341 (wrongful restraint), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) along with other IPC sections. Further investigation is underway.

Streetie assaulted, sprayed with acid

The Banashankari police has filed an FIR against five for thrashing a street dog and allegedly pouring acid on it, cops said on Thursday.

The miscreants also threatened an elderly woman who questioned them. According to the police, the accused would walk on the streets at nights in an inebriated state, agitating street dogs. On March 4, the accused tied up a street dog at Ambedkarnagar in Banashankari and thrashed it for no reason. They then allegedly sprayed acid and petrol on it.

The five-year-old male canine has been shifted to an animal rescue centre

Police have booked a case under IPC Sections 34 (criminal act done by several persons), 428 (whoever commits mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming or rendering useless any animals), 429 (mischief by killing or maiming cattle etc) and 354 (any man who assaults or uses criminal force to any woman or abets such act with the intention).

Minor forced into prostitution, 6 held

15-year-old gets lured into sex racket in HSR Layout by promise of a good job; two women also arrested

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The HSR Layout police have arrested six including two women for allegedly forcing a 15-year-old girl into prostitution on the pretext of giving her a job.

Police said that the victim was a Class nine student from the lower-middle class, who had joined a garment factory to support her family. The two women Rajeshwari and Kalavathy were also working in the same place where they befriended her.

The two then lured her into getting a decent job with good pay. They took her to Kalavathy's house in HSR Layout last month where the other accused, Krishnamuthy, Satya, Sharath and Rafiq, were waiting. Police said that the four sexually assaulted her repeatedly and warned her to not tell anyone.

"The accused kept taking her to Rajeshwari's house where they sexually assaulted her multiple times. It went on for days since last month until the victim on Wednesday complained of severe stomach ache. Upon questioning, she narrated the ordeal to her parents. Her parents took her to the doctor and later approached the police," said an officer.

The family first approached Bandepalya police who directed them to HSR Layout police stating jurisdiction issues. Based on the complaint, the police swung into action and arrested six persons charging them under various sections of POCSO Act and remanded them to judicial custody on Thursday.

> **The accused kept taking her to Rajeshwari's house where they sexually assaulted her multiple times**
>
> – a police officer

Cabbie booked for sexual misconduct

A cab driver was arrested by the Jeevan Bheema Nagar police for allegedly misbehaving with a female passenger during the wee hours of Wednesday.

The accused has been identified as KN Manjunath, 32, a resident of Kakolu near Rajanakunte, working as a cab driver with a cab aggregator.

The complainant told the police that she along with her friends had booked the cab to reach their house after attending a party. The woman, who had reportedly consumed liquor, sought the driver's help to get down from the cab when the driver alleged to have taken advantage of her and misbehaved with her by touching her private parts.

The woman who objected to his behaviour, called the police control room and raised the issue when the night beat police rushed to the spot. The cops, based on the driver's booking details, managed to secure the accused within a few hours. **–BMB**

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Pattandur lake fiasco ends

BBMP stops construction project labelled 'illegal' after residents oppose activity

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Road construction work falls within the buffer zone of Pattandur Agrahara Lake

Months after road construction work near Pattandur Agrahara lake started amid residents alleging illegal construction in the lake buffer zone, the BBMP Lake Department has finally put a stop to the project.

The construction project adjacent to Pattandur Agrahara lake has been under construction for the past 5 months. Recently, lake activist group Namma Whitefield RWA Federation that has been opposing this project had filed a complaint with the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) against concerned BBMP officials on March 7th March.

Following the commencement of the investigation, the BBMP Lakes Department instructed the BBMP roads Department to halt all operations stating that the road construction falls within the buffer zone of the lake. It is learnt that marshals have been posted at the site to put a stop to the violation.

"We have decided to stop this construction as it lies in the buffer zone. We had deployed the guards a week back. We won't be permitting the construction work in the buffer zone to restart," said BBMP Lake, Executive Engineer, Ravi.

Sandeep Anirudhan, founder of Namma Whitefield RWA Federation, said: "The ACB has been conducting interrogations. It is learnt that BBMP Roads Department has stated that they were not aware of the existence of the lake. Every BBMP engineer was provided with our detailed petition with acknowledgement in December itself. How can BBMP officials claim to be uninformed?"

However, according to the BBMP Road and Infrastructure Department, the particular road construction is not illegal but rather has been projected to be an essential road development that will benefit countless commuters. "Marshals from the lake department have stopped the road work. The ACB has called the BBMP Lake department to stop all work. This might be due to some misunderstanding however it should be noted that the road construction has been mentioned in the RMP 2015. The BBMP only remains as the implementing agency behind this plan," Anirudhan said.

However, there is no violation here and as per records, the land was converted into agricultural land. "The stoppage of work should not be construed as wrong work by the BBMP," said BBMP Chief Engineer for Roads and Infrastructure BS Prahlad.

The BBMP Road Department and Lake department have not been on the same level when it comes to the question of whether Pattandur Agrahara Lake is a lake or not. While the road department has maintained that it was converted into agricultural land, the lake department has been waiting for the completion of the survey of the lake to verify the buffer zone violation.

"Legal experts have unequivocally said that just because a proposed plan is listed in the RMP, that does not make it a binding law. The RMP is not a law, it is only a proposal. It is binding on the engineers and officials when they become aware of such errors, to inform the relevant planning authorities about the change in status quo, or the updated facts, that make the proposed project illegal. If they fail to do so, it is a dereliction of their duties," added Anirudhan.

On March 5, BM reported about the road project

"It is learnt that BBMP Roads Department has stated that they were not aware of the existence of the lake

–Sandeep Anirudhan, Namma Whitefield RWA Federation

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mother Jamuna. K PETITIONERS

AND:

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Covid claims men more than women

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According to Dr Anoop Amarnath of Manipal Hospital, a member of the state's covid-19 Critical Care Support Team (CCST), the quantum of exposure is always more in males as they stay out late and keep travelling and working, which can be linked to the higher number of infections and resulting mortality in men. A few studies also indicated mortality and co-morbidity as relatively lower in women.

A study published in the journal Lancet said biological factors such as immune responses and behavioral risk factors like smoking and other lifestyle habits place men at a greater risk of covid-19 infection and deaths due to the virus.

Dr Chinnadurai of Aster RV Hospital's critical care said the hospital observed the same where more males succumbed to covid-19 compared to females. "There could be a few reasons that contributed to this, one being that it is likely that men are more exposed to external stimuli than women which would lead to a higher spread of viral load in them, making them more susceptible to different variants or more severe covid-19. Men also typically have more comorbidities compared to women which puts them at a higher risk of suffering from severe covid-19. Hazardous behaviours such as cigarette smoking and excessive alcohol consumption which affects the immune system and the body's ability to cope with disease are higher in men," he noted.

Some experts suggested that the immune response in females is more robust as compared to males. A study published in the journal Nature said females have higher number of CD4+T cells and have increased B cell production of immunoglobulin compared to males; females also produce type 1 interferon, a potent antiviral cytokine, upon the receptor 7 sending viral RNA than males, which is important for the early response in covid-19.

"The XX chromosome is more protective as opposed to the XY chromosome present in men. Also, the cytokine storm is much stronger in males which could lead to organ failure or clotting of blood vessels," a public health expert told BM.

Going by Karnataka's total positive cases and gender-wise figures so far in all the three waves of the pandemic, males have been infected the most. As many as 22,89,013 males have been infected as opposed to 16,50,498 females and 3,597 transgenders.

Faster rescue of entangled birds

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retractable bucket; rescuers could stand inside the bucket and reach out to the branches. Depending on the height of the rescue in point, the machine could be set accordingly, to either go high or stay low.

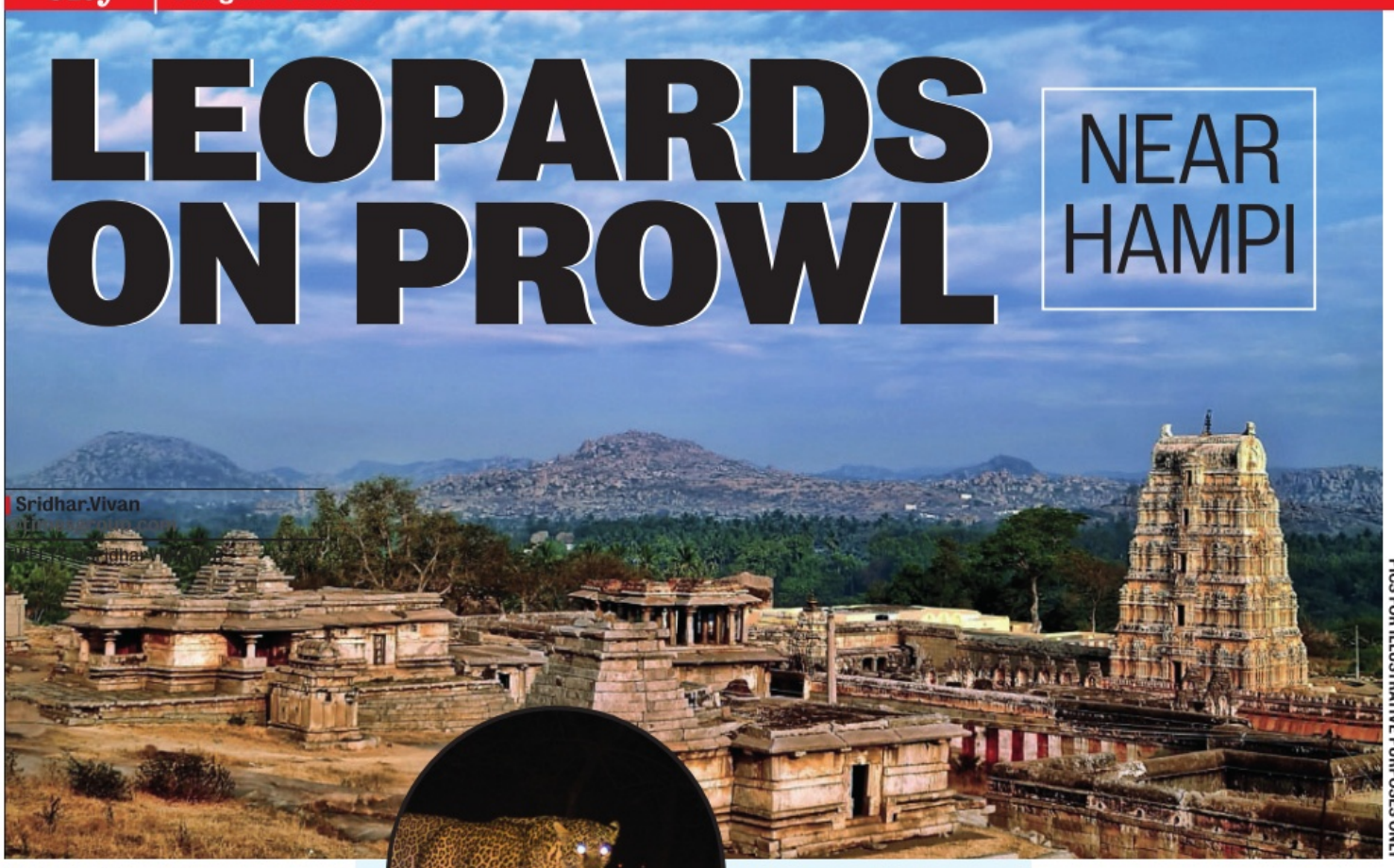
The truck is dedicated to all creatures that were killed by the manja thread. "There are times where rescuers can't scale greater heights. The hydraulic bucket helps in reaching up to 40 feet high. Though the rescuers could climb trees or reach out by using other equipment, there are instances where the rescue gets quite difficult. We need to ensure rescues are safe and smooth too," said Jayanthi Kallam, executive director, ARRC.

On an average, ARRC rescues 7-8 birds entangled in manja during peak season, but sometimes the rescue volume may go as high as 15 rescues per day. In the past three months, ARRC rescued 1,000 birds, out of which 400 were entangled in manja.

"It is not how people think — that after rescuing, everything's fine. The bird goes through a lot of struggle if it is injured or dehydrated. While it is stuck in the manja, the bird struggles as often it hangs upside down for days. Some eventually succumb. There are times when a bird dies and its chicks are orphaned; they die too without food," said Kallam.

Kallam pointed out that while the use of manja has comparatively come down, it has not vanished altogether. "In July last year, we saw 500 cases of rescues concerning kite manja; now the numbers have dropped. We need to see it further diminishing. We carry out drives in shops to check whether the owners are still stocking up manja thread; it has relatively come down though. Only a few shops are still selling it. People should take note of the fact and say no to manja, which would save many birds from injuries and death," she added.

LEOPARDS ON PROWL NEAR HAMPI



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As tourist flow begins, locals want desolated spots protected

With the Centre allowing international flights, there is a hope that tourism is all set to pick up in Hampi. However, the hope is accompanied with fear as many leopards are being spotted at the historical sites. Locals are now creating awareness among tourists to be careful of the big cats and asking them not to stray into isolated places.

A local tour guide said, "There are a number of places in Hampi which can be reached by vehicle. However, there are many more places where Hampi can be explored on foot. This is the reason why many tourists stay in Hampi for two to three months to discover the ancient ruins. Though Hampi is by and large safe, venturing into some of the desolate places can call for danger as leopards might be prowling."

In the recent past, locals have spotted leopards near Matanga hill, Kodanda Swamy temple, Akka-Tangi kallu and Kori gudda and others. As the fear of leopards has spread, many tourists are sticking to places like Virupaksha temple, Kamal Mahal and Vijaya Vittala temples and returning without visiting other places.

A local said, "For thousands of people staying in and around Hampi, their livelihood is directly and indirectly dependent on tourism. The last two years have been really tough due to the outbreak of covid pandemic and series of lockdowns. Now, with the cases decreasing and the country opening up for international tourists, the leopard scare is the least expected. We request the forest authorities to step in to rescue these leopards and also display warning boards barring entry to desolate places."

A tourism department official said that they won't allow the tourism sector to suffer as talks have been held with forest department and district administration for rescuing leopards.

It may be noted that in the last few years, leopards were spotted near Anegundi (on the northern bank of Tunga Bhadra river). Anegundi is a popular pilgrimage and tourist spot in Karnataka. It is separated from the world heritage site Hampi by the Tunga Bhadra river. In fact, thousands of tourists who go to Hampi take a coracle or a mechanised boat to cross over to Anegundi to visit a number of historical and pilgrim places.

Now, the leopards have created tension among the tourists too. Following complaints from the people over leopard attacks, the forest department had placed traps and camera traps to capture the leopard and its images. Based on the evidence from the images, the forest department had suspected that there could be 20 leopards roaming in the hillocks of Anegundi.

12 cops in hospital after bee attack

A regular work day took an ugly turn when 12 police personnel including a woman officer sustained injuries after they were attacked by a swarm of bees near Freedom Park. The cops had assembled for their Bandobast duty on Thursday morning.

Three among them, including an ASI and two head constables have been admitted to a private hospital and KC General Hospital in Malleswaram with grievous injuries. The rest were discharged after the doctors administered first-aid to them.

According to the police, 150 personnel assembled outside near the building of the Directorate of Collegiate Education building near Freedom Park where Police Inspector, head of the Upparpet Police Station, Shivaswamy, was assigning them bandobast duties.

All of a sudden, a swarm of bees came down and stung the police officials on their faces and hands. The cops ran around to save themselves from the stings. Luckily, the incident took place before the protests started at Freedom Park. There might have been chances of stampede, a senior police officer said.

The passersby also looked for safe shelters to save themselves from the attack. The bees were from a big bee hive located at the Collegiate Education building that is posing a danger to the passersby.

"We have asked the collegiate authorities to remove the hive, and until then, we have to deploy a sentry to watch over the hive while the duty assignment work would be underway," Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Sanjeev M Patil told Bangalore Mirror. The police are now probing the possibility whether bees were disturbed by someone deliberately. **BMB**

City awaiting favourite musical break

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The first musical show scheduled to be held in Bengaluru after two long years has brought joy to the city. Senior citizens, who have been confined at home amid the pandemic, are now eager to step out. Many are now fast picking up tickets for the popular old hindi songs show at Gayatri Vihar on Palace Grounds. The event is scheduled between April 14 and 17.

The popular Khana-Gaana show draws a big crowd, oldies going down memory lane, humming, singing and dancing to the enchanting melodies of Mohammed Rafi, Kishore Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhonsle to name a few.

Starting 15 summers ago to the four-day musical extravaganza, the show has been winning hearts. Senior citizens and many in wheelchairs also look forward to their favourite show.

"A prison inmate takes parole each year only to be a part of this show," said Pankaj Kothari, the host of the big-ticket event.

A retro music buff, Pankaj Kothari, who came to Bengaluru from Mumbai three decades ago seeking a job, ended up selling coconut and Nimbo paani on the streets of City market. He then successfully started a chat shop before his meteoric rise in the food and wedding planners' world. "Though I was a commerce graduate, getting a job was not easy and I needed to really rough it out. But all the early struggle paid off and here I am staging the big shows and catering to all people, be it the politicians, celebrities and the big wigs from the corporate sector," said Pankaj.

"The idea is to bring the smile back on the face of all senior citizens, who bravely survived the covid war
— Jignesh, Khana Gaana

JIgnesh, in-charge of the operations of the musical festival, revealed that taking into account that the response is heartwarming despite the two-year break thanks to the pandemic, the Golden Greats musical troupe has roped in 20 top singers in the music industry in an effort to raise the bar. "The idea is to bring the smile back on the face of all senior citizens, who bravely and safely survived the covid war."

Pankaj pointed out that masks has been made mandatory at the event and the crowd is limited to 50 per cent of the venue capacity.

9 arrested for running dance bar

Police have raided a dance bar in Bengaluru, rescued 64 girls and arrested nine people.

Acting on a tip-off that an illegal dance bar is being run in the Mood Bar and Restaurant in Upparpet police station limits, Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths conducted a raid late Wednesday night.

According to police, the dance bar was operating without an occupational certificate and against the guidelines.

The customers were allowed to shower currency notes on bar girls. The police have taken 74 customers into custody. Of the 64 bar girls rescued, 17 are from Karnataka, 13 from Rajasthan eight each from Maharashtra and Punjab , six from Delhi, five from Uttar Pradesh, three from Madhya Pradesh, two each from Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

The police have recommended Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to cancel the license of the bar and restaurant.

Recently, State Home Minister Araga Jnanendra had expressed his displeasure and took the police department to task on the issue of illegal dance bars operating in Bengaluru. Further investigation is on. **IANS**

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No smoking, say to yourself

Expert guides you to overcome the bad habit all by yourself

How many times have you thought you would quit and yet found yourself reaching out for what you tell yourself is the last one? And then, yet another? Well, on the occasion of No Smoking Day, Psychiatrist Dr Naveen Jayaram, who consults on Practo, shows you the way to stub the habit for good.

Research shows that tobacco consumption takes about eight lakh lives every year in India. Cigarettes contain the addictive nicotine and about 4,000 other chemicals that are known to cause cancer. Almost 40 per cent of those detected with cancer in India find that it is due to tobacco use. So, why not take the leap?

To begin with

Think of your smoking behaviour, introspect on it, and reason out why you have gotten addicted to it.

- Do not deny that you are not addicted to smoking. Acceptance is key, and view it as a problem.
- Overconfidence about quitting is not a great sign. Take it one positive step at a time.
- Affirm yourself that "Though quitting is a problem, I can leave smoking anytime."
- Decide a quit date. Do not postpone. Be determined.
- Take help from family members, friends and colleagues. You will find that close members are always very happy to support you.
- Always remember you have to take a step, do not blame others or stress as a cause for your addiction. Tell yourself, "A journey of a healthy and happy life begins with a single step." Do not blame stress, use other healthier stress management techniques.
- Our mind has the capacity to overcome any addiction.

How to reduce the quantity

Keep a record of number and frequency of cigarette use.

- Change to a brand of cigarette you don't like.
- Decrease the number of puffs while smoking.
- Do not inhale deeply.
- Do not buy cigarette packs and keep a stock, buy fewer cigarettes. Try to not have any at hand.

How to handle the urge to smoke

Delay the urge by an hour or two, or by counting numbers. Distract yourself. Remember the urge will last only for a few minutes.

- You can use nicotine gum or chewing gum when the urge is extremely strong.
- Manage the stimulus associated with smoking, ie drink coffee or juice instead of tea etc.
- Remove things which remind you of smoking from your house and office (ashtrays, lighters etc)
- Take deep breaths, that will calm you.
- Drink small sips of water.

After quitting smoking

Feel good about your behaviour.

- Talk to people about your achievement, it will boost your self-esteem.
- Say no to smoking offers from colleagues or friends. Explicitly tell them to not make the offer again.
- Avoid the company of smokers and try not to tell yourself that it is just one puff.
- Practice relaxation techniques – deep breathing, listening to music, exercises, meditation etc.
- Know about withdrawal symptoms like irritability, decreased concentration, headaches, restlessness. Ask your near and dear ones to bear with you, but be aware of your behaviour. DO not engage in unacceptable behaviour because you are irritable.
- These symptoms are temporary and last only for a few days.
- Do not get disheartened if you fail, keep trying.
- Quitting is a process and relapse is common, you need to be aware of it.
- If you are unable to quit in spite of multiple attempts, seek medical help.
- Medication course is available to make your quit process easy.
- Always remember with conscious determination you can achieve anything.

Smoking cessation is the single most important step that smokers can take to enhance the length and quality of their lives.

Choose life, not tobacco. Happy quitting!

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A few tips to keep the greys at arm's length

When you are youthful from within, it shows from the outside as well, through your skin, body and hair. Hair that is healthy and shiny is a manifestation of good overall health as well as youthfulness. However, some of us often tend to battle premature graying. We are told it's hormonal and all attempts to prevent it would be futile? Is it really so? The answer is definitely not. There are a lot many ways with which we can treat or nourish our strands and scalp so that premature graying is prevented.

Before we get into the ways to prevent such conditions, it is very important to understand the causes behind the same. When strands suffer premature graying, they often appear to lose growth speed, become brittle, lose their natural colour and get drier. When we talk about premature graying we are essentially referring to the ageing of capillaries, which might occur anytime in the anagen or capillary growth phase, thereby shortening the period of the respective phase. With growing age, collagen-producing fibroblasts suffer a significant decrease. The double whammy at this point is the changes

in the soft tissues like muscle, skin or fascia, referred to as trophic changes, which cause damage to the hair follicle cells. In a process called apoptosis, the cells that produce melanin die, causing graying prior to expected age.

Our hairs thrive on nutrients and moisture obtained from within the body, and scalp in particular, but they turn gray, there is no mechanism to prevent its loss owing to the open cuticles. Therefore, it becomes imperative that added nutrients are ensured for the hair and the scalp.

It is advisable that you maintain a healthy lifestyle and consume foods and vegetables rich in anti-oxidants. Also required is to protect the strands and scalp from excessive exposure to strong sunlight. If it is unavoidable, do so with protection in place. If these two are adhered to, the issue can be tackled to a great extent.

The other most important thing to do to avoid premature graying is to stop being aggressive on the hair. The need of the hour is to ensure gentle cleansing and hydration. When going for hair care products for the purpose, do remember to strictly avoid aggressive ingredients like sodium chloride, sulfates etc.

Investing in ones with anti-oxidant action would further ease the task to prevent the early greying of strands.

Instead, herbs and extracts of plants or fruits must be banked on while checking the ingredient list of products.

Amla, juá, Malva and guarana like ingredients, which are rich in vitamin C, and babassu oil – rich in fatty acid essence aiding lipid replacement – ensure the required nutrition and restore natural elasticity, making the strands soft, strong and dry, without the fears of premature ageing.

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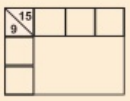

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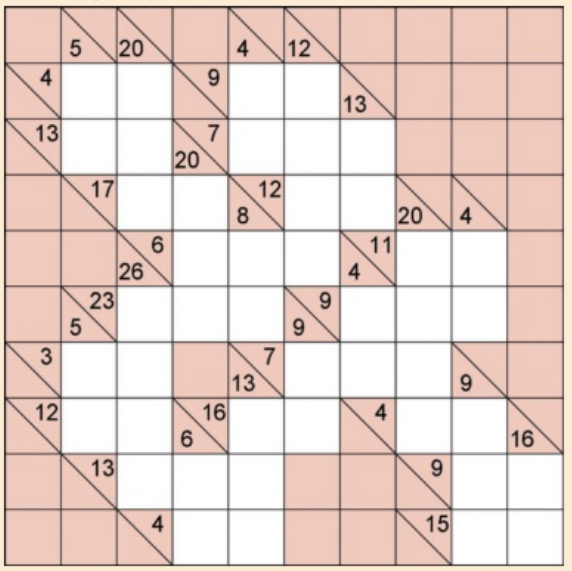

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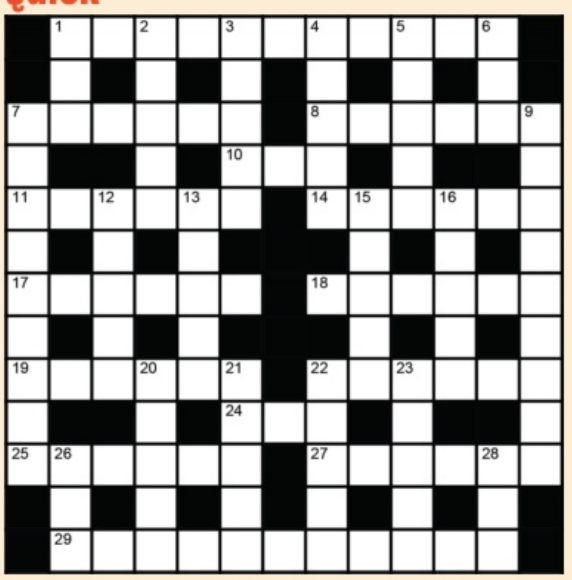

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7 Prairie wolf (6)
8 Disclaim or deny (6)
10 And not either? (3)
11 Deadened or anaesthetized? (6)
14 Make certain (6)
17 One of the Friends on TV (6)
18 Lapis ___ : bright blue gem or mineral (6)
19 Scottish landlords (6)
22 Defer consideration of (6)
24 Clever humour (3)
25 Smear (6)
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29 One of the component parts (11)

DOWN

1 In favour of (3)
2 Equilateral parallelogram (5)
3 Turn upside down (5)
4 Inner circle (5)
5 Desert haven (5)
6 A type of tree (3)
7 Multiplex on Banerghatta road (9)
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12 A NZ Polynesian (5)
13 Flowed away (5)
15 Below for the poet (5)
16 Customary (5)
20 French sculptor (5)
21 Cleaned the floor (5)
22 Begin (5)
23 Emit or give out (5)
26 Roman 1200 (3)
28 Superlative suffix (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS G

JCYPZJE UZHRV I YPZJE VC ZJYRJVRAD ZJ YPR TRTCBD IV YPR OZVP YC UCBERY ZY.

Linemaro

I was blinded by your beauty, so I need your name and number for insurance reasons

Mindchow

A genius is one who shoots at something no one else can see – and hits it

Joke of the day

Q: Why do all cats dislike flying saucers?
A: Because it is impossible for them to reach the milk

Loop

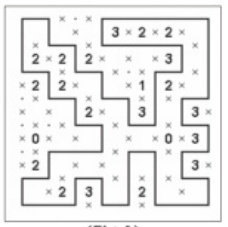
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

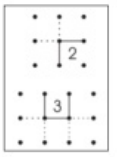
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

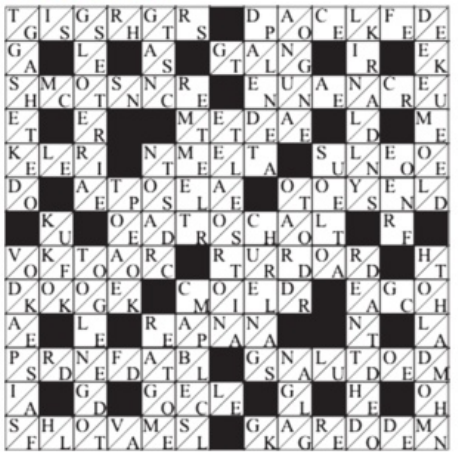


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 P	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Map as; 6 Pates;
7 Pions; 8 A slop;
9 If Hat

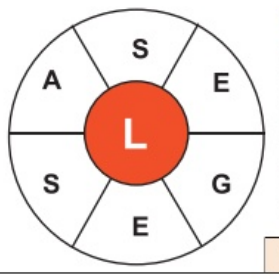
DOWN

1 So fop; 2 Pa pap;
3 A is as; 4 Tilts;
5 NHS me

Mensapuzzle

Which one spoils the frieze?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	1		2		3		9	
4				6				1
		8				5		
9	4		6		7		3	2
7	5		8		1		6	9
		9				1		
8				7				4
	6		9		5		8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

÷ × + −

Easy = 12

1 3 4 4

Medium = 30

4 4 6 8

Hard = 24

3 5 5 4

Hocusfocus

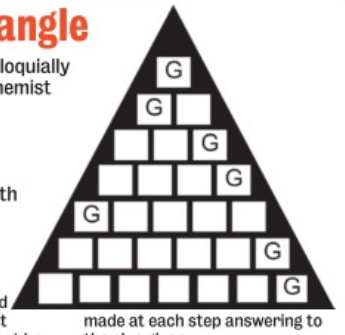
Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Burner is larger. 2. Hand is not showing. 3. Plate is moved. 4. Glass is moved. 5. Box is missing. 6. Hair is longer.

Riddler

During WWII, there was a bridge connecting Germany and Switzerland, and on the German side, there was a sentry tower with a guard in it. He would come out every three minutes to check on the bridge, and he had orders to turn back anyone who tried to get into Germany, and shoot anyone trying to escape without a pass. There was a woman who desperately needed to get into Switzerland, and she knew she didn't have time to get a pass. It would take her at least six minutes to cross the bridge, but she managed to do it. How?

Alpha triangle



1 One Thousand colloquially
2 Gallium for the chemist
3 Cloth
4 To pull along
5 Kind of piano
6 Bold
7 Covering with cloth

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

THIS YEAR WE'RE WRITING TO PEN PALS!
I CAN'T WAIT TO READ WHAT IT'S LIKE IN OTHER COUNTRIES!
I CAN'T WAIT TO WRITE ABOUT MY EXCITING LIFE!
MY PEN PAL IS BASICALLY GONNA GET A WHOLE BOOK SERIES FROM ME!
Volume 1 of 90rsh
Chapter 1

Crankshaft

I HARDLY WENT OUT AT ALL DURING THE PANDEMIC...
I JUST KEPT HEARING ABOUT ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE COMING DOWN WITH COVID.
YEAH... YOU HAD HEARD IMMUNITY!
BATUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon; you may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new business partnership with a family member, which will be beneficial in the near future. Your subordinates at office may help you with your project.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel negative. You may not be able to complete your task. You may be a victim of mood swings and your patience may be tested many times. Silly mistakes may confuse you to complete your work. Love birds may find themselves in confusion regarding their feelings. More expectation may affect your emotional attachment with the spouse.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, the positive moon may help you. You may feel happy and find peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life; your subordinates may cooperate you to make some important decisions in the business. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial in the growth of business.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your moon becomes negative. You may have detachment with responsibilities you have been given. You also spend more money in purchasing worthless stuffs, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with people around you, which may help in smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may enjoy work and may get rewards after your hard work. Your social respect may increase now. Overworking of your mind may make you tired due to workload. You may not be able to reach a family event. Health issues related to your parents may get cured now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also plan for an overseas travel. You may also visit to some religious place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel dull and nervous. It is advised to keep your mind cool. Try to keep patience and avoid arrogance in the way of speaking. You may not be able to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going for any adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel good; domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person, who may help you to get some benefits in the work front. You may perform good in your job; you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property may settle down.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be healthy and may be able to focus towards your goals. Your performance may be very good at work, your boss may be happy with you. You may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in any legal matter. You are likely to control over your opponents and business rivals.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be more intellectual. You may understand the value of intellectual assets. Sometimes, you may control your temper, which may help you to perform your task smoothly. You may have some chances in smooth earning, which may give you comfort in the work flow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money for loved ones.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your moon becomes negative. You may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities as a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your daily work. Your projects may delay; it may affect your business.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

0.5+1.5=2
2.0+2.5=4.5
4.5+3.5=8
8.0+4.5=12.5
12.5+5.5=18

MENSA PUZZLE

H. The centre stroke is shorter.

QUOTE UNCODE

Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it.

FAST FIVE

S	P	A	S	M
P	A	S	T	E
O	P	A	L	S
O	P	S	I	N
F	A	I	T	H

BULL'S EYE

AGELESS, eagle, easel, else, gale, glass, glee, lass, lease, less, sale, seal

STRIKE OUT

S	H	O	V	E	L		G	A	R	D	E	N		
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P	R	E	F	A	B		S	A	L	T	E	D		
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QUICK

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RIDDLER

She walked on the bridge towards Switzerland for 3 minutes and just as the guard was about to come out, she turned around walking back to Germany. The guard saw her and asked for her pass but she didn't have one and was sent back (or what the guard thought was back) to Switzerland. In her case it was the very country she wanted to go to.

SUDOKU

5	1	7	2	4	3	6	9	8
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6	2	8	7	1	9	5	4	3
9	4	1	6	5	7	8	3	2
3	8	6	4	9	2	7	1	5
7	5	2	8	3	1	4	6	9
2	7	9	3	8	4	1	5	6
8	3	5	1	7	6	9	2	4
1	6	4	9	2	5	3	8	7

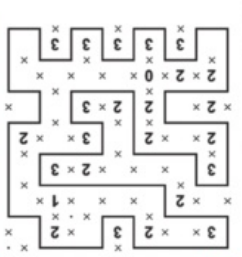
ALPHA TRIANGLE

G, Ga, Rag, Drag, Grand, Daring, Draping.

GO FIGURE

Easy
4 + 3 + 4 + 1 = 12
Medium
4 x 4 + 6 + 8 = 30
Hard
5 x 5 + 3 − 4 = 24

LOOP



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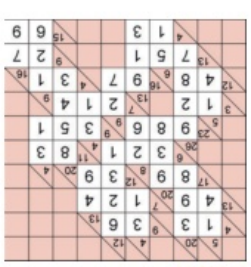

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Channelling Rashmika
Actor Rashmika Mandanna, who enjoys over 30 million followers on Instagram, is now on YouTube as well. On Thursday, she announced the launch of her YouTube channel.

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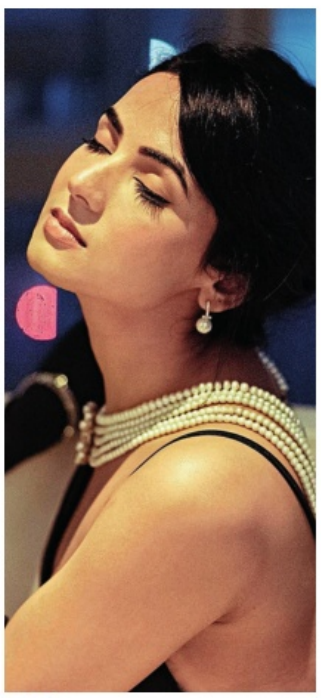
A whole new side of Sanjana

Actor tells us about working with Aditya Roy Kapur and about time on the sets

Sanjana Sanghi of 'Dil Bechara' fame is all set to come out of her girl-next-door image and experiment with her first ever action flick 'Om: The Battle Within', co-starring Aditya Roy Kapur. As the makers of the film have locked 1st July 2022 for the theatrical release of the promising action drama, here's what Sanjana Sanghi has to say about collaborating with Aditya, her experience on the sets.

Speaking to *ETimes* about stepping into a new avatar, Sanjana says, "I have ventured into the action genre with 'Om' and I am extremely excited for the audience to see Adi (Aditya Roy Kapur) and me in this avatar. Of course, he has done it before. For me, it's a jump into a different genre after 'Dil Bechara'. It's something I never saw getting the opportunity to do so early in my career. But I have discovered a whole new side to myself as a performer and I can't wait for it to come out and see how people receive it. I am happy and proud of the work." Heaping praises on Aditya, she says, "Adi as a co-star is unmatchable, in the sense that there is so much room and respect for what you want to create out of your character. He and I share an immense comfort in being able to express anything with respect to the scenes."

Did not step into anybody's shoes



A month ago, there was news around how Jacqueline Fernandez, who was earlier cast in Akkineni Nagarjuna's The Ghost was not doing the film. Later, it was confirmed that Sonal Chauhan was cast opposite Nagarjuna in the film.

When BT reached out to Sonal, she confirmed the news. The Jannat actress said, "I don't know if I replaced anyone. It does not work like that in films. People explore various options and cast an actor, who suits the script. Jacqueline is an achiever, and I have great respect for her as an actress. I am just glad that I am doing the film."

Sonal added, "Getting a good film is like hitting a jackpot. Every actor gives her best but you don't really know the results till the film hits the screens. When a film is made it does not depend on just one pillar. So many factors come together to make it a hit. So, I am glad that I have landed a role, which will be instrumental in taking the story forward."

Sharing her views on a good script, Sonal said, "I have done a few good films and always felt that a script has to mentally and emotionally connect with audiences. Even if you look great or act with your whole heart, at the end of the day, it has to translate well onscreen. I am happy that I am paired opposite such a big star like Nagarjuna."

Before Jacqueline, Kajal Agarwal was cast in the film but she had to opt out due to her pregnancy.

—Tanvi Trivedi

BO burden not for Akshay

Superstar Akshay Kumar says he doesn't believe in taking the burden of performing at the box office as his sole focus on a Friday is to deliver a good film that will make his fans happy.

In an interview with PTI, Kumar said he is not exactly zen-like before a release, but he also doesn't lose his mind over a film's prospect.

"It isn't that I am completely chill. I do feel the pre-release anxiety, which should be there. The pressure of the result is there, if the audience will like my work, like the film, that's there. But there's something I follow since I started working in the industry. "If a film doesn't work, I feel terrible the next day and then in two days, I'll move on to some other film. Some people start brooding, thinking, 'Why did the film not work?' I don't do that," the actor said. Kumar said the way to get out of the loop of failure and success, is to simply move on.

—PTI

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